

Office of the Attorney General
Request for Applications (RFA) for the
Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services (SAPCS)-State Program

The Crime Victim Services Division (CVSD) of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is soliciting applications from local and statewide programs that provide services to victims of sexual assault.

Applicable Funding Source: The source of funding is through a biennial appropriation by the Texas Legislature. All funding is contingent upon an appropriation to the OAG by the Texas Legislature. The OAG makes no commitment that an application, once submitted, or a grant, once funded, will receive subsequent funding.

Eligibility Requirements:

Eligible Applicants: Local units of government, excluding law enforcement agencies and prosecutor's offices; non-profit agencies with 26.U.S.C. §501 (c)(3) status; and state agencies are eligible to apply for a SAPCS-State grant. Funding eligibility may be further limited as stated in the Application Kit.

Eligibility: The OAG will initially screen each application for eligibility. Applications will be deemed ineligible if the application is submitted by an ineligible applicant; the application is not filed in the manner and form required by the Application Kit; the application is filed after the deadline established in the Application Kit; or the application does not meet other requirements as stated in the RFA and the Application Kit.

How to Obtain Application Kit: The OAG will post the Application Kit on the OAG's website at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/grants.shtml>. Updates and other helpful reminders about the application process will also be posted at this location. Potential applicants are encouraged to refer to the site regularly.

Deadlines and Filing Instructions for the Grant Application:

Registration Deadline: On-line registration is required to apply for a grant. The deadline to register will be stated in the Application Kit. If registration is not completed by the deadline, then an Application will not be accepted and is not eligible for funding. To register go to: <http://www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/grants.shtml>.

Application Deadline: The applicant must submit its application, including all required attachments to the OAG. The OAG must receive the submitted application and all required attachments by the deadline established in the Application Kit.

Filing Instructions: Strict compliance with the filing instructions, as provided in the Application Kit, is required.

The OAG will **not** consider an Application if it is not filed by the due date as stated in the Application Kit.

Minimum and Maximum Amounts of Funding Available: The minimum amount of funding for all programs is \$20,000 per fiscal year. The maximum amounts of funding are as follows: new local and new statewide programs—\$30,000 per fiscal year; currently funded local programs—\$200,000 per fiscal year; and currently funded statewide programs—\$300,000 per fiscal year.

Regardless of the maximums stated above, a program may not apply, per fiscal year, for an amount higher than the SAPCS-State funds it received in fiscal year (FY) 2013. The award amount is determined solely by the OAG. The OAG may award grants at amounts above or below the established funding levels and is not obligated to fund a grant at the amount requested.

A currently funded program is one that has an active grant contract for FY 2013. Previous grantees that were not funded in FY 2013, or that de-obligated their contracts in FY 2013, will be considered new applicants for this Application Kit.

Start Date and Length of Grant Contract Period: The grant contract period (term) is up to two years from September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015, subject to and contingent on funding and/or approval by the OAG.

No Match Requirements: There are no match requirements.

Volunteer Requirements: All SAPCS-State projects must have a volunteer component. Specific requirements for the volunteer component will be stated in the Application Kit.

Award Criteria: The OAG will make funding decisions that support the efficient and effective use of public funds. Scoring components will include, but are not limited to, information provided by the applicant on the proposed project activities and budget. Funding decisions will be determined using a competitive allocation method.

Grant Purpose Area: All grant projects must address one or more of the purpose areas as stated in the Application Kit.

Prohibitions on Use of Grant Funds: OAG grant funds may not be used to support or pay the costs of overtime, out-of-state travel, dues, or lobbying; any portion of the salary or any other compensation for an elected government official; the purchase of food and beverages except as allowed under Texas State Travel Guidelines; the purchase or lease of vehicles; the purchase of promotional items or recreational activities; costs of travel that are unrelated to the direct delivery of services that support the OAG grant-funded program; the costs for consultants or vendors who participate directly in writing a grant application; or for any unallowable costs set forth in applicable state or federal law, rules, regulations, guidelines, policies, procedures or cost principles. Grant funds may not be used to purchase any other products or services the OAG identifies as inappropriate or unallowable within this RFA or the Application Kit.

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